

COOK HEARS HOME

Steamer Oscar II Anchors Off Sandy Hook to Wait.

He Will Land Early Tomorrow Morning.

WIFE WILL BE FIRST.

She With Other Relatives Will Precede Committee.

Great Demonstration Is Planned in Brooklyn.

New York, Sept. 20.—The first of America's two claimants of premier North Pole honors will be at the gateway of his home port this evening. The Scandinavian-American steamer Oscar II, with Dr. Frederick A. Cook aboard, is now approaching New York at half speed and the friends of the Brooklyn explorer are putting the finishing touches to the big demonstration with which they intend to show tomorrow their faith in his assertion that he was the first man at the "top of the earth."

There was a flurry among the members of the Arctic club and the Bushwick club of Brooklyn this morning when word came that the Oscar II was due to arrive at New York at half speed and the friends of the Brooklyn explorer are putting the finishing touches to the big demonstration with which they intend to show tomorrow their faith in his assertion that he was the first man at the "top of the earth."

Although the reception committee had received assurances last night that the steamer would be delayed so as to not interfere with their plans and although a wireless message from Dr. Cook himself at 12:30 a. m., declared that he would meet them at 3:30 tomorrow morning, telephoned and wireless apparatus was at once put in operation to make certain that there might be no change in the original arrangements.

The local officers of the Scandinavian-American league notified the captain of the Oscar II, that he should not attempt to dock today and he replied by wireless that he would anchor off Sandy Hook and spend the night there, starting up the harbor at daylight.

Meet Cook Tomorrow.
The United States revenue cutter will leave its dock at 6:30 a. m. tomorrow and meet the steamer. In the meantime the examination of Dr. Cook and leave him free to join his friends at that point at 3:30 o'clock. On account of the large number of persons who will be present in the first meeting to Dr. Cook on this side of the Atlantic, it would have been impossible to carry out any of the original program had he landed today.

Nearly 2,000 tickets have been sold for the steamer Grand Republic, on which the committee from the Arctic club will go down the bay tomorrow. Slightly in advance of the steamer will go a tug bearing Mrs. Cook and her children and the explorer's two brothers, with two or three members of the committee. The tug will take Dr. Cook from the liner aboard this tug, thus enabling him to spend the first few minutes following his arrival at quarantine with his family. When the tug will go alongside the Grand Republic and the explorer will be taken on board for the last stage of the trip to American soil.

Rousing Welcome at His Club.
The neighbors of Dr. Cook in Brooklyn were highly concerned when they heard that there was danger of his arrival ahead of schedule time. At the Bushwick club, a neighborhood of the explorer, a party was used to go, they had planned a rousing welcome. After a triumphal procession through the streets of Brooklyn the explorer will reach the club house, where he will be received by a reception and luncheon. No public events have been planned for the interval between the first welcome and the dinner to be given at the Danb-Astoria Thursday night. Mrs. Cook and her children have taken rooms at that hotel. The chairman of a committee representing all the Danish-American societies in this country, received a wireless message from Dr. Cook accepting the invitation to a banquet which the joint association will give here in Dr. Cook's honor. The date has not been fixed.

PEARY ON THE WAY, TOO.
Roosevelt Will Be Welcomed at Sidney Tomorrow.

Sidney, N. S., Sept. 20.—The tug Douglas H. Thomas, which left Battle Harbor Saturday morning in company with the Peary steamer Roosevelt, arrived here at daylight this morning and reported to the Peary traveling south under steam and sail at a speed approximating 10 knots an hour. She should be off Sidney at 5 or 6 o'clock this evening. The buildings of the town, together with the shipping in the harbor, were today gay with flags. According to the statement made last Saturday at Battle Harbor by Peary, the expedition in boy and assistant cook on the Roosevelt, two persons knew as long ago as last April that Dr. Frederick A. Cook claimed he had reached the pole April 21, 1908. These persons were Harry Whitney, a wealthy sportsman of New Haven, Conn., who is at present on the Greenland coast on board the steamer Jeanie, and Pritchard himself. The news of his return from the north.

Whitney's One Reference.
The only reference which Whitney is known to have made in his brief journal, on board the Roosevelt, was a casual remark to a member of the Peary party that he believed Dr. Cook had reached the pole. Pritchard kept the news of Whitney's reference to his statement of Saturday was the first intimation that he had any information on the subject. Pritchard explained that he kept the news to himself because he did not wish to be dragged into the trouble. He was asked how he knew, before he came south on the Roosevelt, that there was going to be a controversy, and declared that Dr. Cook had cautioned him not to speak to anyone until he reached civilization. Pritchard's reticence with this news in his possession was a surprise to everybody on board the Roosevelt.

In the beginning Pritchard told the correspondent that Cook had talked freely to him at Annatok with regard to his dash over the ice, indicating to him on a map the route he had fol-



Dr. Cook, the North Pole Discoverer, Who Will Land Tomorrow.

lowed. Later Pritchard modified this by explaining that Cook's story was told to Whitney and that he, Pritchard, was present in the room. Pritchard said Dr. Cook had only two Eskimos with him at the pole. The language barrier made it impossible for Pritchard to talk with these Eskimos. John Murphy, the boatswain of the Roosevelt, who was ashore with Pritchard when Dr. Cook appeared at their station, was astonished when informed of Pritchard's knowledge. Murphy declared that Cook talked with him on several occasions about his trip on the ice, but said nothing about having reached the pole.

Cook limited his information to Murphy to the fact that he had passed the 87th degree, which was Peary's farthest point north in 1906, and that the ice was rough up to 84.

Cook Had No Dogs.
According to Murphy, Cook arrived at Annatok with one sled and two Eskimos, but no dogs. The sled was brought in by a day and then brought in by Murphy. Murphy said he knew more about Cook's experience on the ice, and later, when in company with Whitney in the musk ox country opposite Etah, he inquired if Dr. Cook had reached the pole. The boatswain says Whitney told him he did not know.

Asked how it was possible for Pritchard and Whitney to get the first time on the ice, Murphy said that Cook's story without his also hearing it, inasmuch as all four men occupied the same house at Annatok during Cook's stay. Murphy replied that a question to Pritchard had brought his answer that Dr. Cook's story of his dash to the pole was recited to Whitney and the cabin boy on a day he, Murphy, was absent at Etah. This statement was referred to Pritchard, who identified the date he heard the Cook statement as the day Murphy was absent at Etah. In Sidney tonight he will be greeted by a rousing welcome. The "north pole" flag which Peary had made at Battle Harbor will be displayed for the first time on the Roosevelt entering this port. It is a standard United States flag with a broad white band laid diagonally from the union corner to the fly. The white ground are the words "North pole" in black letters. Coming into Sidney a Canadian ensign presented to Peary at Battle Harbor by the Canadian government. It will decorate the foremast of the Roosevelt. The Peary Arctic club flag will be flown at the main mast and the ensign of the United States will be displayed at Cape Sheridan will be at the mizzen mast.

DOLLEY BACK HOME.

Opinion on Guaranty Law Not Changed by Chicago Bankers.

State Bank Commissioner J. N. Dolley is back in Topeka today from his Chicago trip where he attended the convention of the national guaranty bankers. He spent Sunday at his country home in Wabunsee county. Mr. Dolley was in no wise cast down over the action of the bankers' convention. The state guaranty law is a sound one, he said, and he was opposed to the postal savings bank plan which has reached the dignity of a national issue. The state guaranty law is a sound one, he said, and he was opposed to the postal savings bank plan which has reached the dignity of a national issue. The state guaranty law is a sound one, he said, and he was opposed to the postal savings bank plan which has reached the dignity of a national issue.

Mr. Dolley came back home from the convention as strongly in favor of the Kansas guaranty law as he ever was before and believes that properly administered and given a fair trial it will come out as a saving the problem of security for deposits as any plan discussed by the bankers last week. "The bankers were agreed on one thing," said Mr. Dolley, "and that was that our monetary system is inadequate, wrong and out of debt. "While there was decided opposition to the guaranty plan yet the men who declined to enter into any direct contract with the president or contradict the latter's utterances, but he had an entirely different opinion from Mr. Taft.

NO GOOD TRUSTS.

President Taft Tells Iowans They Are All Alike.

Gives Hawkeyes New Ideas on Railroad Question.

ESTABLISH NEW COURT

Would Have Tribunal to Decide Rate Appeals.

Give Interstate Commerce Commission More Power.

Takes Breakfast With Senator Cummins, Insurgent Leader.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 20.—President Taft's special over the Chicago Great Western arrived here shortly before 9 o'clock this morning, after an uneventful run from Minneapolis. Despite the early hour, thousands had gathered at the union station to bid the nation's chief welcome. A deafening cheer greeted the president as he stepped from his private car into a circle of admirers and friends, come from all over Iowa, and many from beyond its confines. With the president's review of 5,200 federal troops here this morning the greatest military tournament in the country began.

The president was taken in charge by a committee headed by Harry R. Poik, C. A. Rawson and Gels Botsford, commissioner of the Des Moines Commercial club. With the president in his automobile rode Capt. Archibald Butt, military aide to the president, and James Sloan, jr., secret service operative. In automobiles following the president rode Senators Cummins, Albert B. Cummins, John Hays Hammond, president of the United Republican league, Governor Carroll and state officials, followed by county officers and citizens.

Record Breaking Crowd.
Twenty automobiles accompanied the president through the main streets of Des Moines. All along the streets had been roped off to prevent undue crowding. Never did Des Moines see a greater crowd. It is conservative to say that 50,000 persons thronged the streets which were gaily decorated and presented a holiday appearance.

President Taft was entertained at breakfast at Senator Cummins' home, to which had been invited men prominent in Republican politics in Iowa. After the reception the party reviewed the band and proceeded to the reviewing stand opposite the state capitol. At 9:45 o'clock the review began, lasting a full hour. The soldiers, consisting of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 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JOHNSON'S CHANCE EVEN

This Is the Crucial Day for Minnesota's Governor.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 20.—While Governor Johnson is somewhat better today, according to Dr. C. H. Mayo, who called on him early in St. Mary's hospital, the doctors still consider the governor in a grave state. Dr. Charles F. McNevin issued the following bulletin on Governor Johnson's condition at 8:30 this morning: "The governor's pulse is 102; temperature 99.8; respiration 32. He is a little restless but not so much as yesterday or last night. He is a little weaker but is not suffering much pain. He has just about an even chance. The five days following the operation will be up at 11 o'clock this morning, and if he successfully passes that period and if he can retain some solid food, his chances will grow better."

Dr. McNevin explained that by "solid food" he meant some weak tea. The high respiration of this morning was due to the fact that the operation was caused by gas. It is, of course, a symptom that causes some anxiety, but is not necessarily grave. Mr. Johnson is almost on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his condition is causing his friends much worry.

Governor Johnson was given liquid nourishment twice this forenoon, three ounces of strained chicken broth at a time, which he retained. Dr. Mayo dressed the wound at noon and reported that he found it in good condition.

Dr. Mayo said in a bulletin issued at 12:30: "Governor Johnson has passed the full five days' hospital crisis, but yet his condition is critical and I can not now say that his chances are better than even. His weakness is progressive. His vitality is keeping up well, however. There are no indications of complications. The governor's condition does not prompt us to say that he has passed the critical period. We can not say this until we know the effect of the nourishment he has taken. It may not agree with him."

FIRE IN TAFT'S CAR.

Was Quickly Extinguished But Caused Excitement.

Des Moines, Sept. 20.—An incipient blaze in the kitchen of the Mayflower, President Taft's private car, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, caused some little commotion among those of the car who were aware of the presence of the blaze. The attendants quickly extinguished the flames and practically no damage beyond the scorching of the woodwork resulted. The cause of the blaze is something of a mystery. The president did not know.

READY FOR TRIAL TRIP.

Battleship Delaware Will Be Completed Ahead of Contract Time.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Newport News Shipbuilding company, building the battleship Delaware, has asked the navy department for a trial trip of the vessel on October 20. The probability is in view of the rapidity with which the vessel is being constructed that the ship will be delivered to the government some months ahead of contract time.

BRISTOW'S VIEWS

Senator Makes Severe Criticism of President Taft.

Accusing Him of Error and Lack of Knowledge.

When asked for an expression on the tariff speech by President Taft at Winona, Minn., Friday night, Senator Bristow quoted as saying: "The president in his speech on the tariff at Winona, Minn., accepts the Aldrich-Payne view of the new law. His discussion of the schedules is practically a condensation of the statement made by Mr. Payne when the conference report was submitted to the house. It even contains some of the gross errors that Mr. Payne made in his hurried compilation of the estimated results of the bill. For instance, the president repeats the statement made by Mr. Payne that the increased duties in the steel schedules were on articles the aggregate consumption of which in this country was only about 11 million dollars a year; while the records show that there was an increase in the duty on structural steel equivalent to more than \$6 a ton, and that of this article alone more than 28 million dollars worth is consumed in the United States annually.

"That is on one item in the steel schedule upon which the duty was increased. The consumption in this country is more than 28 million dollars, while the Payne statement, which the president repeats in his speech, declares that the entire increase on all articles in the steel schedule only covers a consumption of 11 million.

"This statement was made by Payne, and six weeks afterwards repeated by the president, when the latest statistics printed by the conference committee, on page 83, show that there are increases on articles in the steel schedule of more than \$10 a ton. The country aggregates \$87,540,000. There are other statements as glaringly inaccurate. It is unfortunate that some of the president's advisers were not sufficiently informed on the details of the bill, so as to protect him from such gross errors in statements of fact.

"There was nothing especially new in the president's speech. It is simply a repetition of the arguments of Aldrich, Lodge, Penrose, Smoot and the other high tariff advocates in the senate.

"The president states that the bill is not what he desired in all of its parts, and cites the woolen schedule as one instance in which the pledges of the party were not fulfilled; but in summarizing, he decides that it is the best tariff bill that the Republican party has ever enacted. If the president were not bothered with the tremendous responsibilities and voluminous work which go with his great office, and had had time to look himself into the details of the alleged tariff revision, he would certainly not have taken the view that he does.

"There are other schedules in which the pledges of the party are just as grossly violated as they are in the woolen schedule. The president delivered in the senate on the 24 day of August, I gave my objections to the bill. I stand by them now as I gave them then. He was a clear, conservative and accurate analysis of the provisions of the bill as I was able to make, and nothing in the president's speech has caused me to change my views in the slightest degree. In my judgment the president is in error if he expects the agitation for tariff reform and the reduction of excessive duties on trust-controlled articles to stop. It will not stop until the declarations made by the Republican party in the last campaign have been honestly and thoroughly fulfilled."

ON FIRE AND BLEW UP.

Ocean Disaster to Unknown Steamer Is Reported.

Manila, Sept. 20.—The British steamer Harrow, Captain Bence, from Newport News, June 14, for Port of Spain and Manila, reported that on July 27, while 150 miles from Durban, she passed a steamer afire. The vessel, whose name it was impossible to make out, was shortly afterwards destroyed by an explosion.

SIoux CITY WINS AGAIN

Shuts Out Des Moines in the Morning Game.

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 20.—Sioux City shut out Des Moines in a pitcher's battle this morning. Score: Des Moines . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 1
Sioux City . . . 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 6 3
Batteries—Lang, McManus and Lewis; Clark, Shea and Towne.

Weather Is Warm.

No change in temperature is expected during the next 24 hours. The forecast is: "Partly cloudy, probably showers in eastern portion," which includes Topeka. This afternoon the wind is blowing 15 miles an hour from the south and the temperature is nearing the 90s. By the hour: 7 o'clock . . . 8